GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATION PROJECTS UNDER AIBP
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have relaxed the norms to release loan/assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, whether States which agree to undertake reforms by rationalising water rates in five years would be given Central Loan Assistance under liberal terms;

(c) if so, whether under this liberalisation programme, special category States are likely to be eligible for 100 per cent Central assistance against the present 75 per cent under the new rules; and

(d) if so, the names of beneficiary States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) So far no State Government has come forward togive the desired undertaking for introducing reforms in the water sector so as to become eligible for the relaxed norms.